

fast FACTS...

about Sedgwick County Government



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Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)

What is MMRS?

MMRS is a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) contract with local metropolitan governments. In April of 2000, Sedgwick County was asked to participate. The focus of MMRS is to assure a strong local health and medical response if a bioterror attack or other public health emergency happened.

What is a Neighborhood Distribution Center?

They are designated sites throughout Sedgwick County that would be set up to quickly distribute pharmaceuticals and emergency supplies to everyone. These sites include locations such as schools, community centers, businesses, and health care facilities. Look for this Neighborhood Distribution Center symbol.



Where can I find the nearest Neighborhood Distribution Center?

The November 2002-2003 FEIST Telephone Directory has a map of Neighborhood Distribution Centers. See pages 47-48 in the Blue 'Civic' section of the phonebook. The Sedgwick County website also includes MMRS information and the Neighborhood Distribution Center map for Sedgwick County.

What is smallpox and what should I know about it?

Smallpox is a very serious disease; it is contagious and sometimes life-threatening. Smallpox is caused by the variola virus, which spreads from contact with infected persons. About 70 percent of patients infected with smallpox recover. Some are left blind.

For More Information*:

**Sedgwick County MMRS, or
Ready to Respond**
visit www.sedgwickcounty.org.

Smallpox related questions,
call 660-7392

Smallpox information,
www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/index.asp
or <http://smallpox.gov> (Spanish available)

**State of Kansas' Bioterrorism Response &
Preparedness information &
Smallpox Vaccination plan**
<http://kdhe.state.ks.us/han/bioterror.html>.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
"Don't Be Afraid...Be Ready"
<http://ready.gov>

Public Inquiries Hotline
(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
M-F 8 a.m.-11 p.m. EST;
Sat./Sun. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. EST
English (888) 246-2675
Español (888) 246-2857

Will I need the Smallpox vaccine?

Although there is not an imminent threat of a smallpox attack, the attacks of September/October 2001 mean that terrorists may try to use it against the American public. The U.S. currently has enough vaccine for every single person in the country to get vaccinated in an emergency.

If I am concerned about a smallpox attack, can I go to my doctor and get the smallpox vaccine?

At the moment, the smallpox vaccine is not available for members of the general public. In the event of a smallpox outbreak, however, there is enough smallpox vaccine to vaccinate everyone who would need it.



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